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FPPC considers post-election fundraising at Jan. 14 meeting

Expenditures by candidate-controlled ballot measure committees also on agenda

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In light of experiences during the recent gubernatorial recall election – as well as the upcoming March primary election – the Fair Political Practices Commission will discuss a proposed emergency amendment to regulation 18531.6, which governs post-election fundraising, at its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 14**.

Details of the proposal are outlined in a staff memorandum prepared by Commission Counsel C. Scott Tocher and General Counsel Luisa Menchaca, available on the FPPC website. "In adopting regulation 18531.6, which interprets (Political Reform Act) section 85316's prohibition on post-election fundraising in excess of net debt," according to the memorandum, "the Commission determined that the statute's prohibition does not apply to election committees formed for elections occurring prior to the effective date of Proposition 34."

At Wednesday's meeting, the commission will reconsider that decision and may adopt an emergency regulation applying the post-election fundraising restrictions of section 85316 to committees formed for elections occurring prior to the effective date of the proposition – Jan. 1, 2001. (**Agenda Item #14**)

The commission will also discuss a staff memorandum on expenditures by candidate-controlled ballot measure committees. Also prepared by Tocher and Menchaca, the memorandum outlines issues surrounding the application of section 85310, which partially governs issue advocacy, to candidate-controlled ballot measure committees. Further discussion of possible regulatory action will be considered in April 2004. (#16)

In other business, the commission will consider approval of updated campaign disclosure manuals for state and local candidates. Two separate manuals would replace the current single disclosure manual for candidates. One is designed for state candidates, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose state candidates; the other is designed for local candidates, candidates for superior court, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose local candidates. (#15)

Wednesday's meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento. The agenda is posted on the FPPC website at: www.fppc.ca.gov. Click on "Agendas" on the left side of the home page, and go to "Current Agenda."

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